

**REMARKS**

Claims 40 and 49 have been amended. Claims 40-49 remain pending. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

Claims 40-49 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by Roth. Claims 40 and 49 have been amended to obviate the rejection. The Office Action contends that the Roth system could have the CIRC encoder 50a located prior to the buffer memory 6 (Roth, column 11, lines 1-16). According to the Office Action, the memory of the alternative Roth system, located subsequent to the encoder, could be used to store the encoded information of Applicant's claimed invention.

Claims 40-49, with the amendments to the independent claims, each say that the input information is transferred from the input buffer to the encoder, and the encoded information is transferred from the encoder to the record circuit. Roth fails to disclose or suggest these steps in combination with the step of "pausing said transferring of said encoded information, to stop said record circuit . . . while maintaining said encoded information." These are important aspects of the claimed invention. Consequently, the rejection of claims 40-49 should be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Dated: April 5, 2005

Respectfully submitted,

By 

Mark J. Thronson

Registration No. 33,082

DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN &

OSHINSKY LLP

2101 L Street NW

Washington, DC 20037-1526

(202) 775-4742

Attorneys for Applicant